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UCSF Newsbreak

Baboon transplant success uncertain

Researchers at SFGH revealed Wednesday that baboon bone marrow cells infused in HIV-infected patient Jeff Getty have apparently not grafted with Getty's cells. But doctors wonder why Getty's overall clinical health has improved since the Dec. 14 procedure.

"Two months after the procedure, Jeff is clearly doing very well, but it's not the baboon cells," says Steven Deeks, assistant professor of medicine in the UCSF AIDS Program at SFGH. "At this point, this procedure is raising more questions than it is answering, but that's what scientific research is all about."

What remains to be determined is whether the total lymphoid irradiation (TLI) Getty received prior to the xenotransplant has dealt a blow to the HIV. Deeks says experimental evidence in animal models suggests that TLI may be beneficial in treating HIV disease.

Patrick Swift, a radiation oncologist with a special interest in HIV oncology at UCSF/Mount Zion, who gave Getty the radiation therapy, says Getty's improved health may be attributed to his taking a combination of anti-viral drugs, including an experimental protease inhibitor, which has shown promise in recent studies, along with the radiation.

However, Getty had been on the combination drug therapy for four months prior to the procedure without clear benefit, Deeks points out.

Getty's case will bring about new lines of research, Deeks says, and he will continue to be followed very closely. "There is still a chance that a small amount of baboon cells could be in Getty's body," he says. Deeks adds that although there is no evidence that Getty has been infected by baboon viruses, doctors will continue to look for that possibility in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control.

A team from the University of Pittsburgh contributed to the trial.

Cocaine babies suffer slew of medical problems

By RUTHANN RICHTER

Babies exposed to cocaine in the womb may develop a raft of neurological, eye and behavioral problems that persist into early childhood, though some of these problems can be corrected with medical intervention, according to a study by UCSF researchers.

The researchers followed 73 cocaine-exposed infants over a six-year period (1986 to 1992), comparing their development to 36 non-drug exposed children from the same general population. All of the youngsters were examined at SFGH.

Sixty-three percent of the drug-exposed children had neuromuscular problems that made their reflexes exaggerated and their limbs unusually tense or limp, said Donna Ferriero, a UCSF associate professor of pediatrics and neurology and chief author of the study.

In addition, 23 percent had experienced seizures, 19 percent showed jittery or startled responses to stimuli, and 14 percent were found to be developmentally delayed, Ferriero and her colleagues reported. None of the children in the control group had experienced seizures or developmental delay, while eight percent showed an increased startle response, and only three percent had exaggerated reflexes or neuromuscular problems, according to study results.

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UCSF salutes four as champions of women's issues

Lisa Cisneros

Award winners are, left to right, Hendrix, Cooke and Ware. Gagler is not pictured.

By ANDY EVANGELISTA

Four women who have challenged inequities, guided change, and have helped make the campus a better place for their colleagues have been named winners of the 1996 Chancellor's Award for the Advancement of Women.

Molly Cooke, professor of clinical medicine; Gail Gagler, an operating room nurse educator at UCSF/Mount Zion; and graduate students Donna Hendrix and Tracy Ware will be honored at a special award ceremony on Monday, March 4, at noon in Toland Hall. The presentation ceremony marks the first event commemorating Women's History Month.

Cooke, faculty award recipient, has been an influential campus leader concerning women's issues. In 1989, she co-authored a report for the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (CACSW) which showed in many UCSF departments a disproportionate number of women faculty bunched in the junior and lower ladder ranks. An analysis of matched pairs of men and women faculty found that women typically earned less than their male counterparts. The report sparked discussion and steps to remedy the disparities.

As chair of CACSW from 1992-94, Cooke contacted campus and systemwide search committees and advocated that more attention be given to recruiting women into key leadership positions.

"On the salary equity issue, progress has been slow," Cooke says. "I'm really concerned that in this time of budget belt-tightening, that we need to redouble our efforts to promote qualified women into leadership positions."

In 1991, Cooke co-wrote a proposal which eventually was adopted as the campus' Policy

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Washington shares insight as ob/gyn chair

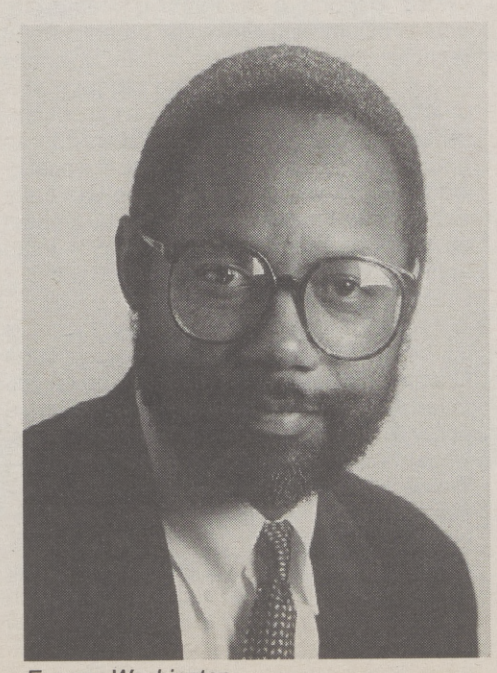
By REBECCA HIGBEE

UCSF welcomes a member of its own family as the new chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences.

Eugene Washington, professor and chief of obstetrics and gynecology at UCSF/Mount Zion, is a long-time advocate of health promotion and disease prevention in women.

Internationally known for his research in ob/gyn, epidemiology and health policy, he has also served since 1993 as director of the UCSF Medical Effectiveness Research Center for Diverse Populations.

He brings to the position a background that is diverse and in itself unique—he spent the first 15 years of his career as a clinical research investigator and epidemiologist, focusing on prevention and management of diseases in women, particularly infectious diseases.



Eugene Washington

In his new post, Washington's goal is to create programs that will focus on health promotion and disease prevention among populations of women in the Bay Area while also providing sensitive, high-quality care to the individual. He plans to expand the department's clinical research activities while maintaining its strong bench research programs, which currently rank among the best of any department of obstetrics and gynecology in the United States. For the department's training programs, he hopes to instill a more evidence-based and outcomes-oriented approach to patient management.

Washington believes that as practitioners broaden the focus from treating the ill to educating the well, "we may be able to protect many women from illnesses that we are ultimately asked to manage.

"The best thing we could do right now to improve the status of women's health is to encourage women to practice healthy behaviors," he says. "Good health is an individual responsibility."

His advice? Stop smoking, eat right, exercise and practice healthy sexual behaviors.

"Once women assume more responsibility for their health, then our role in providing care shifts to one that facilitates healthy behaviors and prevention through education and collaborative decision making," Washington says.

Washington says the ob/gyn department will collaborate with other departments to provide comprehensive educational and clinical services to women of all ages. In addition to general obstetrics and gynecology, he says

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MCB to open child care center in May

By LISA CISNEROS

The smiles of children will once again brighten the Mission Center Building, where their parents will get access to a convenient and affordable child care center in May.

"Having children present adds to the humaness of the worksite and helps to alleviate feelings of isolation that come from being away from the main campus," says Christine Yee, who as personal safety coordinator with the UCSF Police Department works at MCB. "You see the kids with smiles on their faces and it reminds you of why you work. They bring a lot of joy."

To be modeled after the program at UCSF's Marilyn Reed Lucia Child Care Study Center at 610 Parnassus, MCB's child care center will deliver developmentally appropriate learning experiences for children ages two through five. The new center also will provide UCSF researchers and students opportunities to observe and study normal child development.

MCB's child care center is licensed for 50 children, enough to adequately serve employees at that site and then some, says Jane Mahakian, whose role as project manager is to get the center started. Located in the same site as the former YWCA child care center, which closed last August, the center is now being renovated with fresh paint, carpets and a new play structure.

MCB employees interested in using the child care center are asked to put

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Gazette

See you in the funny papers

Ketcham's cartoon, which ran on Jan. 4, 1996

On June 12, 1995, UCSF urologist Joseph C. Presti Jr. performed surgery on 75-year-old cartoonist Hank Ketcham with the help of Sean J. Mulvihill, general surgeon. Ketcham, who had been transferred to UCSF after suffering complications from a surgery performed elsewhere, arrived in critical condition and remained in the hospital for three weeks. He now is doing well, says Presti.

To thank Presti, Ketcham presented him with the adjacent cartoon at a follow-up visit. "He just handed me the original drawing and I thought 'What a nice gesture.' I was touched. I had no idea it was going to be syndicated," Presti says. Ketcham, who has been a professional cartoonist since 1938, eventually told Presti to look for the cartoon in early January 1996. It was printed in 1,500 papers around the world on Jan. 4.

"What do you do for a guy who saved your life? You draw him a cartoon," Ketcham told Newsbreak/Medsounds.

Ketcham also praised Presti and his surgical team in a letter to Chancellor Joseph B. Martin, saying that the staff went out of their way to communicate with and offer comfort to anxious family members. He gave UCSF "an A+."

UCSF appoints Luft director of Institute for Health Policy Studies

Luft

Harold S. Luft, professor of health economics, has been named director of the Institute for Health Policy Studies.

Luft, who had been acting director since 1993, is nationally known for his research on health maintenance organizations, managed care, outcomes of care and the changing health care environment.

He has served as principal investigator of several major studies on medical care utilization, risk adjusting payments to health plans, hospital market competition, quality and outcome of hospital care including surgery and health care market reforms.

Luft plans to integrate the Institute's social, behavioral and policy activities with UCSF clinical activities. "The Institute for Health Policy Studies will play a major role in the growth and development of UCSF at a time when UCSF is facing major opportunities and challenges," he says.

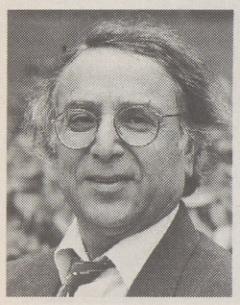
The Institute was established at UCSF in 1972 and consists of a diverse group of more than 120 faculty and staff whose backgrounds include the fields of medicine, public health, law, economics, sociology, anthropology, public policy, journalism, pharmacology, ethics and epidemiology.

The Institute's primary purposes are to conduct policy-oriented research and analysis on a wide range of health issues, to apply research findings to health policy issues at national, state and local levels, and to provide education and training opportunities in health policy and health services research.

Prior to coming to UCSF in 1978, Luft was an assistant professor in the Health Services Research Program at Stanford University. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

In addition to numerous articles in scientific journals, Luft has authored four books: *HMOs and the Elderly (1994); Hospital Volume, Physician Volume, and Patient Outcomes (1990); Health Maintenance Organizations: Dimensions of Performance (1981);* and *Poverty and Health: Economic Causes and Consequences of Health Problems (1978).*

Honors & Awards



Khayam-Bashi

Hassan Khayam-Bashi, laboratory medicine & SFGH: 1996 Award for Outstanding Contributions to Clinical Chemistry through Education, Northern California Section of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry.

Dennis T. Mangano, anesthesiology: Keynote speaker, Inaugural Meeting of the Asian Society of Cardiovascular Disease.

Samuel H. Barondes, psychiatry & Center for Neurobiology: Member, editorial board, Molecular Psychiatry.

Orlo H. Clark, surgery & UCSF/Mount Zion: Honorary doctorate, University of Poitiers, France.

Charles A. Gooding, radiology & pediatrics; **Gretchen A.W. Gooding,** radiology & VAMC; **Robert Halvorsen,** radiology & SFGH; and **Jeanne LaBerge,** radiology: Honorary members, Radiological Society of Pakistan. Charles A. Gooding also was named an honorary member of the Indian Radiological and Imaging Society.

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Appointments

Eierweiss

Gail Eierweiss: Appointed director, Revenue Management, Medical Center. Her responsiblities for revenue management, the importance of which is growing as proper payment calculation becomes ever more complex, include deciding which code will be assigned to billable services, assisting departments with the maintenance of price files and monitoring the propriety of managed care payments. Eierweiss, who has been a member of the patient accounting division in the finance department for the past eight years, is building a team of 10 people who will focus on any and all ways to optimize revenues from billed services for the clinical enterprise. The team will work proactively with department managers and physicians to increase their understanding of payment methods and to maximize cash flow.

Help plan daughters at work day April 25

Today is the deadline for members of the campus community to volunteer their time and worksite to girls participating in "Take Our Daughters to Work" Day at UCSF.

Campus administrators should have received a yellow memo Jan. 29 asking for volunteers to help plan a program in their department. But it's not too late to sign up for program planning, says Katherine Riordan, an event organizer. Last-minute entry forms can be faxed to her at 476-3541.

Training for program planners is slated for Tuesday, Feb. 13. The deadline to submit program outlines is Wednesday, March 6.

Daughters of men and women across America get a preview of the world of employment on Tuesday, April 25. Last year, more than 200 girls between the ages of 9 and 18 participated in the event in 22 different programs across several UCSF sites, including Parnassus, Laurel Heights, Mount Zion and SFGH.

Nearly all — 96 percent — of the parents and children who evaluated the program at UCSF last year said the experience was worth missing a day of school. Ninety percent said they believe their child found the day a valuable experience and some 98 percent said they would participate again.

Established by the Ms. Foundation in response to studies documenting the decreasing level of self-esteem among girls ages nine through 18, the event aims to expose the youths to the diversity of job opportunities and encourage them to do well in school. Boys are welcome, too.

For more information on how to participate in "Take Our Daughters to Work" Day, call Katherine Riordan, Public Affairs, at 476-0729 or e-mail at Katherine_Riordan@quickmail.ucsf.edu.

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their names on a waiting list. Pre-enrollment will begin the last week of February, Mahakian says. At that time, applications will be distributed to people on that list and they will be asked for a $50 non-refundable fee to reserve their child's place. Children must be at least 22 months old to be added to the waiting list.

Expanding child care to UCSF employees is part of an ongoing effort to better meet the needs of the campus community — especially in satellite locations. The Chancellor's Committee on Student and Campus Life specifically recommended in its report last March that UCSF should expand child care opportunities for employees. A separate survey conducted by an MCB task force found employees would prefer to have a worksite center operated by UCSF. UCSF's five-year plan is to increase child care to serve a total of 250 children, and possibly to serve infants, adding centers at other satellite locations as long as demand warrants expansion.

"I think we really have to look at recruitment and retention of employees," says Byron Sigal, director of the Lucia center since 1992 who also will supervise the new center at MCB. "The more we can do for employees the better. Offering these types of employee benefits really will improve parents' ability to focus at work knowing their child is well cared for."

Serving 48 children, the Lucia center opened in 1979 and currently has a waiting list of some 130 children. Proposals for research at the center must pass a tightly-regulated approval process, including permission from the Human Subjects Committee, family health care nursing and the parents. Even so, the children have the ultimate say in whether or not to participate in a research project, Sigal says.

Sometimes research yields findings that turn out to be mutually beneficial for the investigators as well as the children. A case in point is the work of Thomas Boyce, former director of the UCSF Division of Behavioral and Developmental Pediatrics, and his team, whose research at the Lucia center found that some youngsters are biologically sensitve to stress. While at the Lucia center, these researchers developed a system to report illness and injury which is still being used today at the center, Sigal points out.

The MCB center, which will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., will cost $650 a month per child, a fee that includes breakfast, two snacks, a hot lunch and a 10-hour program. For more information about the MCB child care center or to find out about other child care or elder care services in the community, call Mahakian, director of the campus referral service, at 476-2692.

Women *(from page 1)*

on Sexual Harassment and Complaint Resolution Procedures. She continues to serve as an advisor on sexual harassment issues and has introduced sexual harassment prevention into the clinical orientation for all third-year medical students. Cooke also is one of the School of Medicine's most active mentors, participating in all of its advising programs for students, residents, fellows, post-docs, and junior faculty.

Gagler, winner of the staff award, was recognized for her outstanding efforts to promote, advance and mentor women at UCSF. As the Mount Zion operating room educator, she played an active role in promoting women and minorities through staff development and education. She advises a wide range of staff and nursing students at UCSF, San Francisco State University and the University of San Francisco. She also provides guidance to UCSF dental and medical students.

Hendrix and Ware will share the student award. Hendrix, a third-year graduate student in biophysics, was a key organizer and recruiter for the Women in Life Sciences (WILS) mentoring/networking program at a crucial period two years ago when established and founding members were lost to graduation. She is the first to hold the post of women's advocacy officer for the Graduate Students' Association. Last year, she worked on the Women's Resource Center's tenth anniversary commemoration and "Take Our Daughters to Work Day."

Ware, a fourth-year biochemistry student, is currently in her second term as president of the Graduate Students' Association. She participated in the development of a parental leave policy for graduate students and post-docs. Under her leadership, two new positions — Women's Advocacy Officer and Chair of Student Outreach and Recruitment — were established. She has promoted child care for students and has raised awareness of the effects of the Regents' recent decision on affirmative action. Ware is one of only a few students serving as a sexual harassment advisor. She is president of the UC Graduate Women's Network and was instrumental in obtaining funding at UCSF to print and distribute a survival guide for graduate women "to help them succeed in a male-dominated world."

This Chancellor's award was established three years ago to recognize contributions to the advancement of women at UCSF and increased knowledge of women's health through research, teaching and public presentations. Winners in the three categories — faculty, staff and student — receive $1,000.

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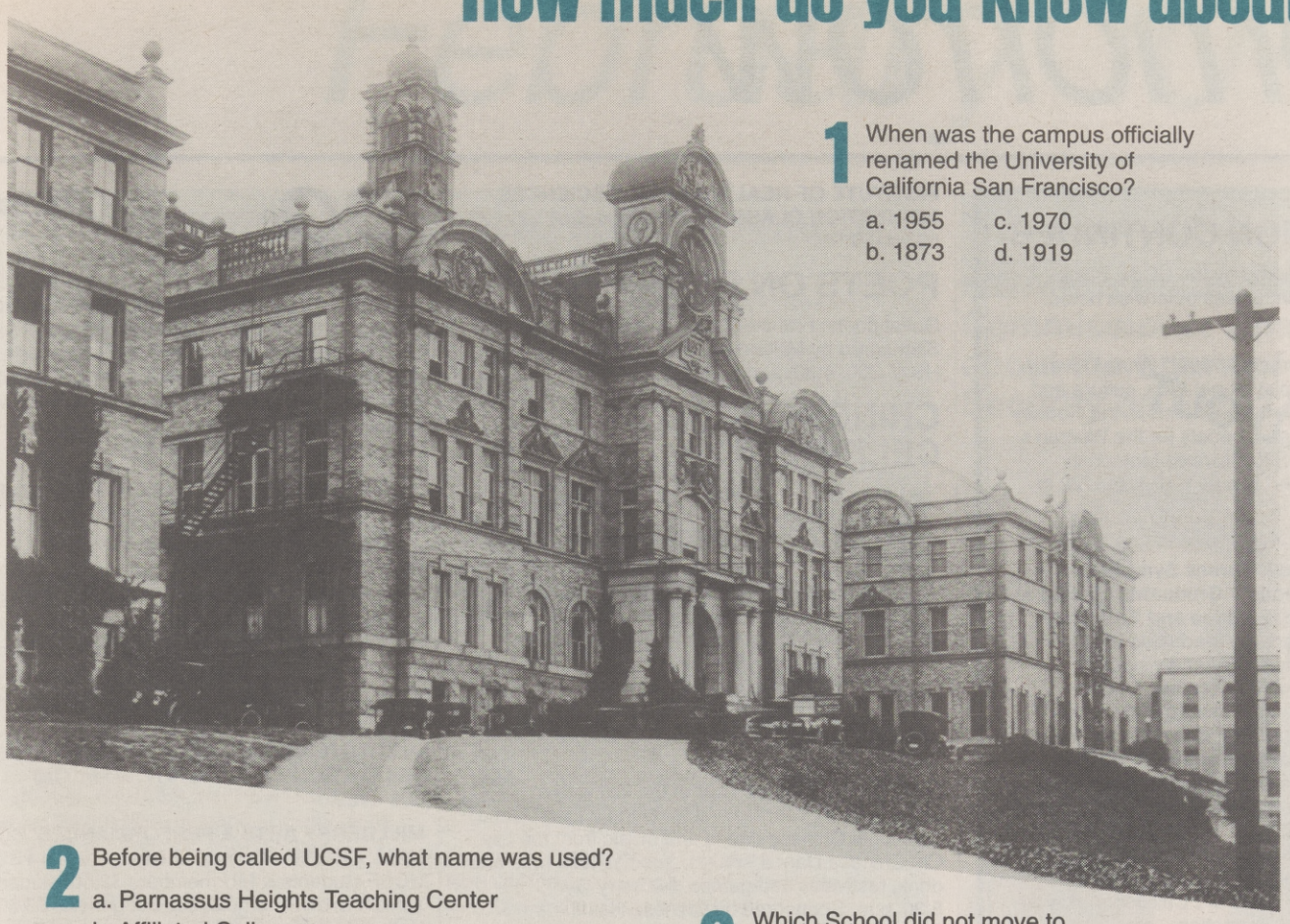


1 When was the campus officially renamed the University of California San Francisco?

a. 1955 c. 1970
b. 1873 d. 1919

2 Before being called UCSF, what name was used?

a. Parnassus Heights Teaching Center
b. Affiliated Colleges
c. San Francisco Teaching Colleges
d. Mount Sutro State College

3 Who was UCSF's first chancellor?

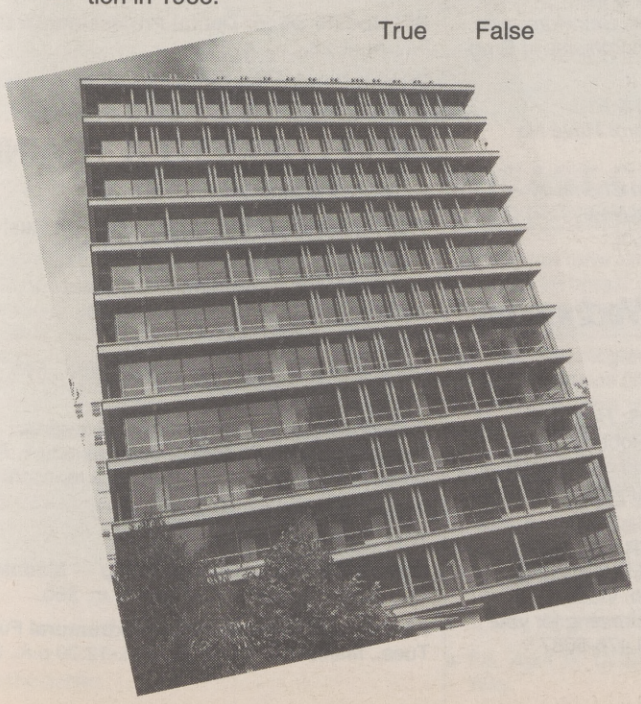
a. Chauncey Leake
b. John B. de C.M. Saunders
c. Julius Comroe
d. Herbert Moffitt

4 Approximately how many UCSF riders are shuttled back and forth each week on the campus shuttle service?

a. 8,000 b. 11,000 c. 15,000 d. 18,000

5 The Health Science Towers on Parnassus were awarded an architectural prize upon their completion in 1966.

True False



6 Which School did not move to Parnassus Heights in 1898?

a. School of Biological Sciences
b. School of Veterinary Medicine
c. School of Hospital Training
d. School of Dentistry

7 The original S.F. City and County Hospital was burned to the ground intentionally in 1908 because of a:

a. TB epidemic
b. plague outbreak
c. cholera outbreak
d. flu epidemic

8 What percentage of physicians at San Francisco General Hospital are UCSF employees?

a. more than 90 percent
b. 60 to 70 percent
c. 50 percent
d. 20 percent or less

9 If you add the number of UCSF Nobel prize winners to the number of UCSF space shuttle astronauts, the answer is:

a. 3 b. 7 c. 2 d. 9

10 What software program developed at UCSF speeds up the process of drug design?

a. DOCK b. LOCK c. BLOCK d. CROCK

11 What were the first recreational facilities on campus?

a. swimming pool
b. tennis courts
c. baseball diamond
d. outdoor basketball court

12 Students of which school were responsible for the first recreational facilities on campus?

a. Dentistry c. Nursing
b. Medicine d. Pharmacy

13 What UCSF building used to be known as CED?

a. Buchanan Street Dental Clinic
b. Laurel Heights
c. Faculty/Alumni House
d. Mission Center Building

14 How many mammograms have been performed by UCSF's mobile mammography van since 1985?

a. 39,000 c. 71,000 b. 50,000 d. 92,000

15 Which School was responsible for creating the country's first social and behavioral science program at a health sciences university?

a. Dentistry c. Nursing
b. Medicine d. Pharmacy

Take the Newsbreak trivia quiz

More than 19,000 faculty, staff and students come to work and learn at UCSF and its affiliated sites daily, but perhaps few know historical facts about this world-renowned enterprise. With that in mind, we invite members of the campus community to enter the Newsbreak trivia contest by answering the questions below. The person with the top score will be rewarded with a large pizza delivered to their department and an official UCSF sweatshirt — the deluxe one with a hood. In the event of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winner.

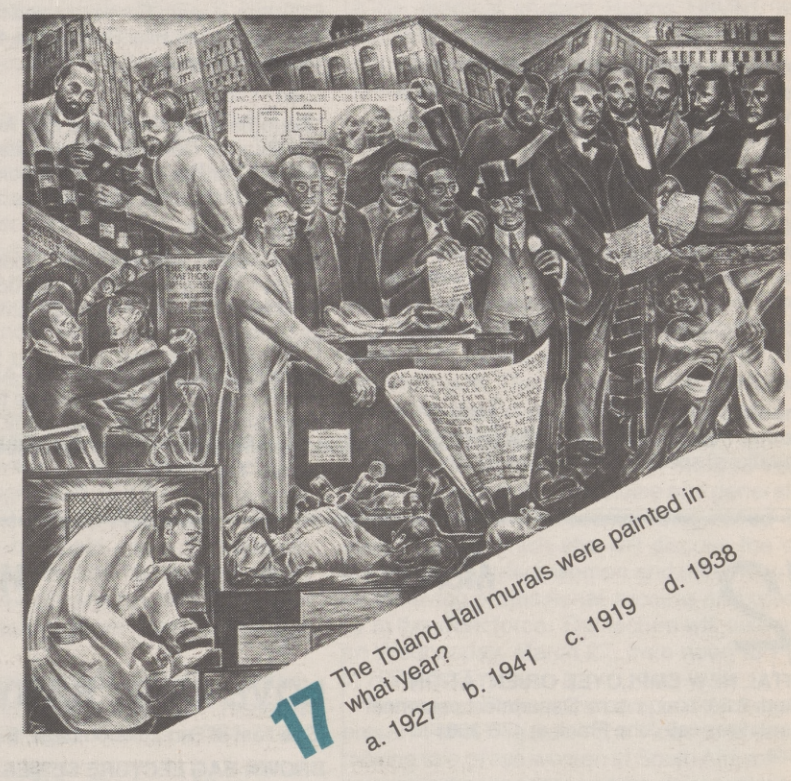
We hope the quiz will provide an interesting educational experience or at least prompt conversation around the water cooler. Employees of the Public Affairs department are not eligible to participate in the contest. Entries must be received in our office, by campus mail or e-mail, no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14. Newsbreak will feature the contest winner along with the questions and answers in the next issue.

Name & campus phone number (please print)

Send your entry to:
Newsbreak/Medsounds Quiz
Box 0462 or lisa_cisneros@quickmail.ucsf.edu

16 Approximately how many students are enrolled at UCSF?

a. 5,400 b. 2,300 c. 1,800 d. 3,600



17 The Toland Hall murals were painted in what year?

a. 1927 b. 1941 c. 1919 d. 1938

18 In what year did Jeanne Dean, assistant director of hospital administration at UCSF/Mount Zion, begin her tenure at that medical center?

Dean

a. 1962
b. 1963
c. 1964
d. 1965

19 How many outpatient visits are recorded annually at all UCSF sites, including dental clinics?

a. 400,000 to 550,000 c. 750,000 to 900,000
b. 550,000 to 750,000 d. more than one million

20 Which of the following is true?

a. The number of UCSF employees living in San Francisco is 20 times more than those living in Marin County
b. The number of UCSF employees living in Alameda County is $^1/_7$ the total of those living in San Francisco
c. More UCSF employees live in Marin County than in Contra Costa County
d. More UCSF employees live in Alameda County than in San Mateo County

Today/Tomorrow

BLACK HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION CONTINUES

UCSF celebrates Black Heritage Month with the following events sponsored by the UCSF Black Caucus and those mentioned below. Call 476-4410 for more information, unless otherwise noted.

Tues., Feb. 13

Jewelle Gomez

"What Is Black Love?" Jewelle Gomez, activist & writer, explores the political, personal and social ramifications of love in the black community. Sponsored by the Women's Resource Center. Toland Hall. Noon.

Wed., Feb. 14

"The Role of Race in Violence Prevention." Howard L. Pinderhughes, Social & Behav. Sci., examines how perceptions shape social policies to reduce violence. Public Service Programs sponsors this Brown Bag Lecture. HSW 300. Noon-1 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 16

"Extending the Boundaries of Unity." A celebration featuring African music, food and dance. Millberry Conf. Center. 7-9:30 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 20

"From Whores to Matriarchs: Black Women Survivors on the Edge." A performance piece by Deborah Edwards, former broadcast journalist, which offers a look at the complexities of being both a black woman and a survivor of sexual abuse in America. Sponsored by the Rape Prevention Education Program. Toland Hall. Noon-1 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 21

"The 1995 Million Man March — Now What? Another Perspective." Imam Faheem Shuiabe, motivational speaker. Toland Hall. Noon-1 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 22,

"Twilight: Los Angeles 1992." Anna Deveare Smith performs a play about race, culture and the uprising following the verdicts in the Rodney King beating trial. SOLD OUT. a benefit for the Women's Resource Center. $25. Marines Memorial Theater, 609 Sutter. 8 p.m. Call 476-5222 to purchase tickets.

Fri., Feb. 23

Tenth Annual Black Nurses Symposium — "Celebrating a Legacy: Graduates Making a Mark in Research, Practice and Education." This year's speakers are graduates of UCSF who will discuss their roles and visions of research, practice and education. DeLois Weekes, associate professor and associate dean of the Graduate Program, Boston School of Nursing, is the keynote speaker. $35/$65. Cole Hall. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. A free Workshop on Nursing Education will be held the previous day on Thurs., Feb. 22, from 1 to 5 p.m. in N 225. Master's and doctoral students, moderated by Weekes, will present a forum representing selected programs at UCSF. Call Joann Ray at 476-4897 for more information.

Sat., Feb. 24

Black Caucus Gala IV. Dinner/dance. $40. San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel, Burlingame. 6:30 p.m.-1 a.m. For tickets and more information, call Bilal Shabazz at 476-4410 or Claudette Johnson at 476-4270.

Tues., Feb. 27,

"Ethiopianism, Negritude and Afrocentricity: The Elusive Quest for Black Intellectual Ethos." Tarikhu Farrar, Anthropology & Humanistic Studies, Holy Names. N 217. Noon.

Wed., Feb. 28

The Gospel Choir at UCSF. A concert by the campus' own gospel choir. $3 students/$5 general public. Cole Hall. 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 29

"Jazz Extravaganza & African-American Vendor Fair." Jazz performance features the Khalil Shaheed Sextet. Plaza Grill. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Fair is in the Millberry Conf. Center. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

12 Monday

HOSPITAL NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: LPPI Aud. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Department personnel representatives call John Frank at 476-3001 to schedule.

DEAN OF MEDICINE'S RESEARCH SEMINAR

Genetic Testing & Decision Making: When the Genome Meets Human Nature. Nancy Adler, Psychr.; Larry Shapiro, Ped.; Eugene Washington, Ob/Gyn. & Repro. Sci. N 225. 3:30-5 p.m.

HIV EDUCATION

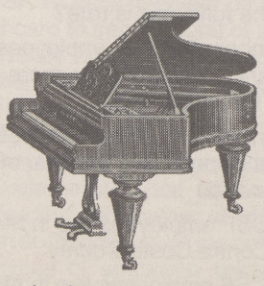
Report Back from Washington, DC: Third Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. AIDS specialists explain new research in the first in a series of programs for HIV-infected patients and the community entitled "HIV Treatment Update." 6-8 p.m. Carr Aud., SFGH. Call 476-4082, ext. 84621.

13 Tuesday

NEW EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ORIENTATION: S 214. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call Lenard Florendo at 476-1073 to schedule.

MEDICAL CENTER/SECURE HORIZONS PRESENTATION: *Having a Healthier Heart.* Rita Redberg, Cardio., Med., Anesth. & Women's Health Access. Noon-1:30 p.m. Call 800-382-3888 for reservations.*

ORCHESTRA CONCERT



UCSF Orchestra performs works by Beethoven, Verdi and Tchiakovsky. Plus a performance by Julian Chen, Biophys., winner of the first annual UCSF Piano Competition. $3/$5. Free for students. MU Gym. 7:30 p.m. Call 476-2542 for information.*

14 Wednesday

LOVE TALK, BABY

(See item in Fun Zone on page 6.)*

BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES: (See Black Heritage Month events.)*

15 Thursday

MISSION CENTER BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES: *Healthy Dining: Eating Out, Cooking In.* Timi Gustafson, dietitian, explains how to maintain a healthy lifestyle in the fast-paced '90s. Sponsored by Public Service Programs. Rm. 125, Mission Center Bldg., 1855 Folsom. Noon. Call 476-4394 for information.*

MILLBERRY ARTS & PERFORMANCES' COLE HALL CINEMA: *Get Shorty.* Children under 14 $2; UCSF students & MU members $2.50; students, seniors & UCSF employees $3; general $3.50. Cole Hall. 5:45 & 8:15 p.m. (Movies subject to change.) Call 476-2542.*

16 Friday

DUNPHY LECTURE & SURGERY RESEARCH DAY

Regional Perfusion of the Limb and Liver with High-Dose Tumor Necrosis Factor. Douglas L. Fraker, Surg. Onc., U Penn. The J. Englebert Dunphy Visiting Professor & Surgery Resident Research Day sponsored by Dept. Surg. Toland Hall. Residents presentations: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Lecture: 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Call 476-4086

INSTITUTE OF HEALING ARTS & SCIENCES LECTURE: *Health Strategies for Feeling Good & Maximizing Energy.* Raymond Francis explains how to use the world's most advanced cellular and molecular biology technology to maintain and restore health. N 721. Noon. Call 330-5353.*

INSTITUTE OF HEALING ARTS & SCIENCES MEDITATION CLASS. C 417. Noon. Call 563-4459.*

POETS ON PARNASSUS

Guest poets: Francis Mayes and Ed Kleinschmidt. Sponsored by Millberry Arts & Performances. HSW 300. 4:30 p.m. Call 476-2542.*

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

UCSF celebrates the Year of the Rat with a Chinese New Year festival featuring a Lion Dance, traditional Chinese dance and music from the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Troupe, free Chinese food and drink, festivities and games. Millberry Gym. 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by Chinese Health Professional Student Association. For more information, call 665-6927.*

MILLBERRY ARTS & PERFORMANCES' COLE HALL CINEMA: *Get Shorty.* Children under 14 $2; UCSF students & MU members $2.50; students, seniors & UCSF employees $3; general $3.50. Cole Hall. 6:30 & 9 p.m. (Movies subject to change.) Call 476-2542.*

17 Saturday

LEARN ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE

Workshop teaches people how to get their needs met without using violence through trust- and community-building and role-playing exercises. Co-sponsored by the UCSF Rape Prevention Education Project and the Alternatives to Violence Project. $35 to $50, depending on income. No one turned away for lack of funds. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Call 431-4714 to register and for more information.*

20 Tuesday

VIDEOCONFERENCING CAN SAVE $$$

Introduction to Videoconferencing. Learn how to apply this new technology to improve productivity and reduce travel. Attendees will participate in a videoconference with several other UC campuses. S 161. 8:30-11 a.m. Call 502-6205 to pre-register.

UCSF/MOUNT ZION BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES: *Managed Care or Virtual Chaos: Will Computers Decide?* Ronald Schumacher, Clinical Enterprise Info. Sys. Sponsored by Public Service Programs. Herbst Hall, UCSF/MZ. Noon. Call 476-4394 for information.*

DANIELS LECTURESHIP

Ronald W. Estabrook, Biomed. Sci. & Biochem., U Texas Health Sci. Center, Dallas, presents the Troy C. Daniels lectureship on Tues., Wed. & Fri., Feb. 20, 21 & 23. Sponsored by Dept. Pharm. Chem.

- Tues., Feb. 20: *An Introduction to the Remarkable P450s: Blue Roses, Sex Hormones, Cactophilic Drosophila & Polymorphisms of Drug Metabolism.* HSW 302. 4 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 21: *Toxicity Testing & Risk Assessment — Does the Emperor Have No Clothes?* HSW 302. 4 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 23: *Capturing Oxygen Chemistry — The Application of the P450s to New Technologies.* HSW 301. 11 a.m.

21 Wednesday

BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES: *How Are Human Organs Allocated?* John Roberts, Surg., discusses the controversies around organ donation. Sponsored by Public Service Programs. HSW 300. Noon-1 p.m. Call 476-4394.*

GREAT EXPECTATIONS PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH FILM SERIES: *Childbirth Choices: Options for Labor & Birth.* Video presentation & discussion about planning for your baby's birth. A 326. 7-8 p.m. Call 476-6667.*

22 Thursday

MILLBERRY ARTS & PERFORMANCES' COLE HALL CINEMA: *Crumb.* Children under 14 $2; UCSF students & MU members $2.50; students, seniors & UCSF employees $3; general $3.50. Cole Hall. 5:45 & 8:15 p.m. (Movies subject to change.) Call 476-2542.*

23 Friday

INSTITUTE OF HEALING ARTS & SCIENCES LECTURE: *Embodying Images of Health & Healing — A Somatic/Expressive Process.* Jamie McHugh explores connections between Western medicine, Eastern achetypes and psychoneuroimmunologic theory. N 721. Noon. Call 330-5353.*

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

MEDICINE

For program information, call 476-4251. To register, call 476-5808 unless otherwise noted.

Recent Advances in Neurology. SF. Wed.-Fri., Feb. 14-16.

Eleventh Annual Primary Care Medicine: Concepts & Controversies. Snowmass/Aspen, Colo. Sun.-Fri., Feb. 18-23.

Pediatric Dermatology for the Primary Care Practitioner. SF. Fri.-Sat., March 1-2.

Annual Review in Family Medicine: Controversies & Challenges in Primary Care. Hotel Nikko, SF. Wed.-Fri., March 20-22.

Asthetic Surgery of the Face. SF. Thurs.-Sat., March 21-23.

Ninth Annual Primary Care Update. Maui, Hawaii. Sun.-Fri., April 7-12.

Practical Dermatology Review Course: Tips on Practical Therapy & Office Techniques. SF. Sat.-Sun., April 20-21.

Family Practice Board Review Course. Hotel Nikko, SF. Mon.-Thurs., July 8-11.

DENTISTRY

For information and registration, call 476-1101.

Contemporary Periodontal Treatment: Integrating New Approaches in General Practice. UCSF. Sat., Feb. 10.

Prevention and Management of Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office. UCSF. Sat., March 2.

Fifth Annual Study & Ski in Squaw Valley. Squaw Creek. Fri.-Sat., March 8-9.

Managing Dental Pain: New & Practical Concepts for Diagnosing & Managing Dental & Orofacial Pain. UCSF. Sat., March 9

Advances in Clinical Dentistry — Symposium on New Developments in Dentistry. Moscone Center, SF. Sat., March 16.

The Art of Endodontics: Concepts & Techniques for the New Millenium. UCSF. Sat., April 13.

Pharmacology for the General Dentist: Update on Drugs Used in Dentistry. UCSF. Sat., April 20.

HIV Update '96 for Dental Professionals. UCSF. Fri., April 26.

Preparation for the Dental Hygiene Licensure Examination. UCSF. Sat., April 27.

DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

For more information call 476-4032.

The Telephone: Your Most Important Business Tool. Wed., Feb. 14. 9 a.m.-noon. $55.

Processing Independent Consultant Agreements (ICAs). Wed., Feb. 21. 8:30 a.m.-noon. $40.

Contracts & Grants Workshop. Wed., Feb. 28. 9 a.m.-noon. $40.

Supervising in the Workplace: Managing Employees with Chemical Dependencies, AIDS & Disabilities. Wed., March 6. 8:30 a.m.-noon. $40.

Payroll Workshop. Wed., March 6. 12:30-4:30 p.m. $40.

Materiel Management Workshop — Module I. Fri., March 8. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. $50.

Post-Award Management of Extramural Funds. Tues., March 12, 19. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. $60.

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REGULAR MEETINGS & ONGOING SUPPORT GROUPS

SATURDAYS

HEALING GARDEN WORKING DAYS: Second & fourth Sat. of month. UCSF/Mount Zion Cancer Cntr. Healing Garden, 2356 Sutter. Call 885-3693.*

MONDAYS

DROP-IN SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS: Free child care and beverages provided. A 45. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 476-2417 or 476-7795.*

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN RECOVERY: For physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, PhDs and others. Anonymous, 12-step emphasis. Meets bi-monthly. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call 476-8279.

UCSF STAFF COUNCIL MEETING: Second Mon. of month. Noon-2 p.m. Call 476-5756.

FRIENDS OF LOIS AL-ANON MEETING: Closed meeting: for friends & families of alcoholics only. Conf. Rm. A, 3rd fl., MCB. Noon. Call 626-5633.*

COLORECTAL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: Second and fourth Mon. of month. Reservations must be made at 885-7585. UCSF/Mount Zion Cancer Cntr., 2356 Sutter. 6:30 p.m.*

MELANOMA SUPPORT GROUP: For patients & family members. Meets monthly on a Monday. Reservations must be made at 885-7585. UCSF/ Mount Zion Cancer Cntr., 2356 Sutter. 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

UCSF AIDS HEALTH PROJECT MEDITATION & SELF-HYPNOSIS WORKSHOP: Weekly discussion group for anyone dealing with HIV or AIDS in themselves or others. Gazebo Rm., Davies Med. Cntr. 7-9 p.m. Call 476-3902.*

TUESDAYS

SFGH CIRCLE OF SISTERS: Networking forum for black women working & studying at UCSF/ SFGH. Meets monthly. Call 476-5222.

MULTIPLE HELPERS OUTREACH NETWORK SUPPORT GROUP: For victims & survivors of violent trauma. Ages 15 & over. A 222, LPPI. 10 a.m.-noon. Help-line at 759-7923 provided daily, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.*

CAMPUS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEETING: First Tues. of the month. MU 111W. Noon-1 p.m. Call 566-8406.*

UCSF GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Weekly rehearsals at MCB. Noon. Call 476-6761.*

PARKINSON'S DISEASE EDUCATION & SUPPORT GROUP: For people with Parkinson's & their caregivers. Third Tues. of month. Christ Church, Lutheran, 1090 Quintara (at 20th Ave.). 2-4 p.m. Call 476-9276.*

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: For women diagnosed or being treated at UCSF/Mount Zion or Parnassus. UCSF/Mount Zion Cancer Cntr., 2356 Sutter. 5:30-7 p.m. Pre-registration necessary. Call 885-3693 or 388-3742.*

NURSES' PAIN ASSOCIATION MEETING. Second Tues. of month. C 254. 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

BRAIN TUMOR SUPPORT GROUP: First Tues. of month. C 130. 7:30-9 p.m. Call 284-0208.*

WEDNESDAYS

GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL ASSOCIATION AT UCSF MEETING: Second Wed. of month. Members of the Chancellor's Committee on Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Issues attend. Call 282-9650.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS OF THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS: For those interested in psychiatric disorders & treatments. Call Laura Deering-Mayclin at 476-7394.*

LATIN AMERICAN CAMPUS ASSOCIATION MEETING: Second Wed. of month. HSW 508. Noon. Call Lucia DeLeon at 476-2010.

LATIN WOMEN COALITION: For Latina faculty, staff & students. Noon-1 p.m. Call 476-7117.*

PARNASSUS AL-ANON MEETING: For friends & families of alcoholics. Observers welcome. C 417. Noon-1 p.m. Call 626-5633.*

TAI CHI CLASSES. UCSF/Mount Zion Cancer Cntr. Healing Garden, 2356 Sutter. Noon. 885-3693.*

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING: Closed meeting: alcoholics only. Conf. Rm. 3, 1st fl., MCB. 12:05 p.m. Call 621-1326.*

MULTIPLE HELPERS OUTREACH NETWORK SUPPORT GROUP: For victims & survivors of violent trauma. Ages 15 & over. Two locations & times: A 222, LPPI, 1-3 p.m., and N 517, 7-10 p.m. Help-line also provided daily, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. at 759-7923.*

FRIENDS & FAMILY MEMBERS OF CANCER PATIENTS SUPPORT GROUP: First & third Wed. of month. J 221, UCSF/Mount Zion Cancer Cntr., 2356 Sutter. 4:30-6 p.m. Call 885-3693.*

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: J 221, UCSF/Mount Zion Cancer Cntr., 2356 Sutter. 6:30 p.m. Call 885-3693.*

SAN FRANCISCO CITY CHORUS REHEARSAL: 7 p.m. Call 765-SONG for locations and audition information.*

EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP: Open to anyone dealing with an eating disorder in themselves or others. M 688. 7-8:30 p.m. Call 332-3425.*

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS MEETING: 12-step program for people who have dysfunctional relationships. LPPI A119. 8-9:30 p.m. Call 432-3529.*

THURSDAYS

AWAKE MEETING: AWAKE (alert, well and keeping energetic) is a support and education group for people with sleep apnea and their families. Third Thurs. of month. Bring CPAP equipment for check-up. Call 885-7886.*

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — PATIENTS: First & third Thurs. of month. J 221, UCSF/Mount Zion Cancer Cntr., 2356 Sutter. Call 885-3693.*

UCSF GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Weekly rehearsals at Parnassus. Noon. Call 476-6761.*

HEAD & NECK CANCER SURGERY SUPPORT GROUPS: Separate groups for patients and patients' families meet simultaneously on the second and fourth Thurs. of each month. J 221, UCSF/Mount Zion Cancer Cntr., 2356 Sutter. 1-2 p.m. Call 885-7623.*

PARNASSUS PLAYERS: UCSF's theater group is rehearsing "The Road to Mecca," to be part of Women's History Month. Call 476-6761 or 476-9012 (day) or 821-5701 (evening).*

ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL RESEARCH NURSES MEETING: Meets every other month, alternating between UCSF & Stanford. 5:45-7:30 p.m. Call 476-0683.*

SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN LIVING WITH LIFE-ALTERING ILLNESS: Alternate Thurs. 6-8 p.m. Call 775-2854 to pre-register.*

FRIDAYS

CIRCLE OF SISTERS: Networking forum for black women working & studying at UCSF. Second & third Fri. of month. Noon-1 p.m. C 130. Call 502-5666.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING: LPPI Aud. Noon-12:45. Call 476-5193.*

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING: Closed meeting: alcoholics only. C 417. 12:10-1 p.m. Call 621-1326.*

LAKESIDE SENIOR MEDICAL CENTER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: First Fri. of month. $10 per meeting. 2501 Ocean Ave. at Junipero Serra. 2-4 p.m. Call 986-2305.*

For information on 12-step and support groups call the Bay Area Self-Help Center at 882-6235 or the Mental Health Association of San Francisco at 882-6230.*

THE NEXT DEADLINE

Mon., Feb. 12, 1995 is the deadline for items to be listed in the next calendar, which covers **Feb. 24-March 8, 1996**(two weeks). Complete information must be received in our office in writing by 11 a.m. on that Monday. Mail your copy to Michele Firpo at Box 0462, e-mail it to michele_firpo@quickmail.ucsf.edu, send a fax to 476-3541, bring it to UCSF/Laurel Heights, 3333 California St.,Suite 103or call 476-3257. To submit articles for Newsbreak/Medsounds, e-mail them to Lisa Cisneros at lisa_cisneros@quickmail.ucsf.edu, fax to 476-3541 or call 476-3256.

*Open to the public.

BREAST CANCER SCREENING SCHEDULE

Women can have low-cost mammograms — X-rays to screen for breast cancer — from a mobile van that travels to convenient locations in the Bay Area.

Women need the approval of their physician to have the mammogram, in addition to their doctor's full name, address (including room number & zip) and phone number to assure that results are mailed promptly. The procedure takes approximately 20 minutes and costs $65. To make an appointment call 476-2193 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.*

Listed below are dates when the van will be at UCSF locations. Call 476-2193 for a full schedule.

- Fri., March 1: UCSF/Parnassus at Medical Center Way.
- Thurs., April 4: UCSF/Daly City, 333 Gellert Blvd.
- Fri., April 5: UCSF/Parnassus at Medical Center Way.

Upcoming Events

Commissioner Chater talks about the future of Social Security on Feb. 22

Shirley S. Chater

Social Security Commissioner Shirley S. Chater will give a free talk entitled "The Future of Social Security" on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 3 p.m. in HSW 300.

Chater, who served as vice chancellor of academic affairs at UCSF from 1977 to 1982, has been commissioner of the United States Social Security Administration since 1993.

Last year, Chater participated in events marking the 60th anniversary of Social Security by helping the public learn more about their future Social Security benefits. "Americans everywhere need to understand how the program protects them, the value it brings to their lives, and the challenges we face in the next century to keep Social Security solvent and strong," Chater said.

The Social Security's Board of Trustees forecasts the system will have adequate financing to pay benefits through 2030. But the system must be reformed to last beyond that year.

Social Security has paid about $4 trillion in monthly benefits to more than 100 million people. Today, 43 million Americans receive Social Security benefits totaling more than $27 billion each month.

The program is sponsored by the UCSF Emeritus Faculty Association and the UCSF Retirees Association. For more information, call 731-3109.

Mission Health Fair offers free screenings

Free medical screenings and information will be available at a health fair on Saturday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mission Neighborhood Health Center, 240 Shotwell St. (at 16th).

Sponsored by the Mission Neighborhood Health Center, Associated Students of UC and the Chicanos/Latinos in Health Education at UCSF, the fair will include free physical exams, HIV testing, prostate exams and screenings for high blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, tuberculosis and glaucoma. Limited mammograms and visual and dental examinations also will be offered. For more information, call 552-3870.

Women's History Month events set for March

"Women as Healers" is the theme of UCSF's celebration of 1996 Women's History Month. The month's events kick off on Monday, March 4, with the presentation of the Chancellor's Award for the Advancement of Women from noon to 1 p.m. in Toland Hall. (See story on page 1 for information about the award winners.)

Rita Redberg, assistant professor of medicine and anesthesia and co-founder of Women's Health Access, presents "Women and Heart Disease," a lecture about the gender differences and risk factors associated with heart disease. The lecture will take place on Wednesday, March 6, from noon to 1 p.m. in HSW 300.

Described as a tool giver and teller of sacred stories, ChoQosh Auh-ho-oh will present "Mother Bear Medicine: The Sacredness of Women," during which she will facilitate women's healing journeys through song, dance, invocations and storytelling. The presentation will be on Thursday, March 7, from noon to 1 p.m. in Toland Hall.

On Friday, March 8, "Silent Spring," a video about Rachel Carson will be shown. Carson sparked a revolution in government environmental policy with her book, Silent Spring, about the chemical poisoning of the environment. The video will be shown from noon to 1 p.m. in S 182.

On Saturday, March 9, "Women's Health 2000" will take place. (See item on page 8 for details.)

Diane Budd, assistant clinical professor of medicine and primary care provider at Women's Health Access, presents "Fear of Fat: Factual or Fatuous?," a lecture explaining the truth about body fat, how social forces affect women's health and the damage to women caused by an obsession with weight and body size. The lecture will take place on Wednesday, March 13 from noon to 1 p.m. in HSW 300.

On Tuesday, March 19, a panel discussion featuring survivors of intimate violence, entitled "Survivors: Healing Ourselves, Healing Our Communities" will take place in S 124 from noon to 1 p.m. The panelists will share their creative energy, showing how it lends extraordinary force to their work toward creating a culture of peace.

On Wednesday, March 20, from noon to 2 p.m., UCSF medical student Huong Huynh, along with other UCSF women poets, will read poetry on the theme "Making Waves, Making Sound" in Toland Hall.

"Mokattam Garbage Village," a video of a play written and performed by a group of women from a small village outside Cairo, Egypt, will be shown on Tuesday, March 26. The video confronts the negative impacts of female genital mutilation. The women also created a video about how they formed a small rug-making business, which gives them an opportunity for economic independence and higher self-esteem. Both videos will be shown in N 217 from noon to 1 p.m. The videos also are available for loan from the Women's Resource Center. Call 476-5222 for details.

In another noontime lecture, Melissa Welch, assistant professor of medicine and general and internal medicine, presents "Unqualified Success," during which she will discuss the challenges and barriers women and minorities face in achieving professional success and credibility in the work force. The lecture will take place on Wednesday, March 27, from noon to 1 p.m. in HSW 300.

Parnassus Players, the campus theater group, present Athol Fugard's "The Road to Mecca," a moving tale of two women in South Africa — one a young schoolteacher and the other a misunderstood sculptress in the twilight of life — and how they struggle to understand one another as well as issues of racism, religion and love. Tickets cost $3 for students and seniors, $5 for the general public. Performances are set for March 1, 2, 7-9 and 14-16 at 8 p.m. in Toland Hall. Call 921-3231 for information or reservations.

For more information on these and other events slated for Women's History Month, call 476-5222.

Preventing family violence

The UCSF/Mount Zion Violence Prevention Project co-sponsors "Family Violence in Our Community — Preventive Intervention," a lecture/discussion on Tuesday, March 5 by Michael Rodriguez, associate director of the Pacific Center for Violence Prevention, and an instructor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at SFGH. The lecture will be held in Hellman Conference Room, UCSF/Mount Zion, from noon to 1 p.m. Call 885-7605 for more information.

Community program on Gaucher Disease

UCSF and Mount Zion Health Systems co-sponsor a community program on Gaucher (pronounced go-shay) disease on Thursday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, Arguello Blvd. at Lake Street. The most common inherited disease in Ashkenazi Jews with an incidence of up to 1 in 600 live births, the disease affects approximately 1 in 40,000. The program will explain enzyme deficiency and the clinical aspects, genetic basis, diagnosis and treatment of the disease. Call 800-901-9997 for more information.

Disease diagnosis system available for trial until April

UCSF faculty, staff and students are invited to participate in the trial of a computer-based medical education and reference system on the World Wide Web.

The UCSF Library and Center for Knowledge Management is offering access to the system via GALEN II, the UCSF Digital Library, through April 1996.

Developed by Massachusetts General Hospital's Laboratory of Computer Science, the program, called DXplain, presents clinical findings, such as signs, symptoms and lab data, to produce a ranked list of diagnoses which might explain or be associated with the clinical manifestations of disease. DXplain provides justification for why each of these diseases might be considered, suggests what further clinical information would be useful to collect for each disease, and lists what clinical manifestations, if any, would be unusual or atypical for each of the specific diseases.

Having the characteristics of both an electronic medical textbook and a medical reference system, the program can provide a comprehensive description of more than 2,000 different diseases and the etiology, pathology and prognosis. The system also provides up to 10 references for each disease and a list of diseases which should be considered for any one of more than 5,000 different clinical manifestations.

The system does not offer definitive medical consultation and should not be used as a substitute for physician diagnostic decision making, says Brian Warling, manager of digital library operations at the campus library. Rather, DXplain is intended for use as a medical education and reference system. Massachusetts General Hospital and the UCSF library assume no responsibility for any erroneous results due to defects in either the database or program.

Computer users must be using a computer connected to the UCSF campus network (ucsf.edu.) to access DXplain on the Web. Since this is a trial, there is no guarantee that DXplain will be available after April.

The uniform resource locator (URL) for Dxplain via GALEN II is http://www.library.ucsf.edu/dxplain. Computer users can simply point their web browser, such as Netscape, to that URL. While using the system, please make use of the comment feature built into the system. Massachusetts General Hospital needs feedback during the beta test phase to improve the system. In addition, users are asked to provide feedback to the UCSF library using the DXplain Feedback Form available at the home page listed above. For more information, contact Warling at 476-3308 or dxplain@library.ucsf.edu.

Lisa Cisneros

Climbing to new heights at Laurel campus

While winter's wrath has ravaged the East Coast more than it has the West, San Francisco saw some unusually stormy days and nights. Here, Randy Lachmiller of Gardners' Guild Inc. trims a broken tree branch from one of the two towering Monterey Cypress trees on the Laurel Heights campus, where winds whipped by at 84 miles an hour. In all, nature's fury caused the early demise of six trees.

Web guidelines out for review

After nearly six months of preparation, proposed new policies and guidelines governing the use of the World Wide Web at UCSF are being reviewed by various campus groups and administrative units. Already approved in principle by the IAIMS (Integrated Advanced Information Management Systems) Committee, the proposals were put forth by the World Wide Web Editorial Board, a broad-based campus group charged with creating a framework that would steer the explosive growth of this new communication medium. (See Newsbreak, Volume 10, Number 14.)

The proposals are divided into two parts, one that restates current applicable University laws and policies regarding the use of the University name, seal and logo as well as pertinent criminal and civil statutes regarding everything from the spread of computer viruses to child pornography. Similar policies explain what type of advertising is permissible and copyright exclusions. In an attempt to clarify — and calm the fears of some managers — the policies also address "appropriate use." Current language supports incidental and occasional personal use of the Web so long as such use does not disrupt or distract the conduct of University business.

The second part of the document presents guidelines for the timeliness and accuracy of information, accessibility and maintenance, and requirements for linking Web pages into the main UCSF Web site, now being maintained and expanded by the Department of Public Affairs. For a more complete look at the proposals, go to the UCSF Home Page (http://www.ucsf.edu) and select the link to the "official pages."

Fun Zone

Spend Valentine's Day laughing your heart out

Spend Wednesday, Feb. 14 at UCSF's Valentine Talk Show Special hosted by Bay Area comedian Scott Capurro.

The talk show is slated from noon to 1 p.m. at Cole Hall.

UCSF faculty, students and staff are invited to share their love stories live on the show, sponsored by EMPACT! EMPACT is looking for couples who met on campus, individuals looking for romance or those who wouldn't dare have a campus love affair. To take part in what should be a hilarious event, call EMPACT! at 476-2675.

Go whale watching while sea kayaking

Sign-ups start Tuesday, Feb. 13 for a sea kayaking trip planned for the weekend of March 2 and 3. The voyage to marvel at mammals and birds is intended for people who have successfully passed the sea kayaking clinic. The cost is $36 for students and Millberry members, $50 for UCSF employees and $60 for the public. A pre-trip meeting, organized by Outdoors Unlimited, is slated for Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. Call 476-2078 for more information.

Black Heritage fairs

The UCSF community is invited to celebrate Black History Month at two free fairs in February.

African music, food and dance are part of the festivities on Friday, Feb. 16, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Millberry Union Conference Center. For more information, call 476-4410.

A jazz extravaganza, featuring the Khalil Shaheed Sextet, arts and crafts, is slated for Thursday, Feb. 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. See page 4 for the complete list of activities and events commemorating Black Heritage Month.

Ski cabin rentals

Four cabins at North and South Lake Tahoe are available for rent weekends and midweek through April. Cabins have modern kitchens equipped with microwaves, coffee makers, dishwashers, etc. They also have four bedrooms sleeping at least 10, two or three bathrooms, fireplaces and central heating. For more information or to reserve a cabin, call Outdoors Unlimited at 476-2078.

Crime Alert

Officer wounded on duty

A UCSF police officer was injured while on duty Jan. 14 after a man in custody reportedly kicked out the side windows of a patrol car which sent shattered glass into his eye, according to Holly Choy, a UCSF police detective.

The officer underwent a successful surgery at UCSF's Beckman Vision Center, but it's still unknown whether his eyesight will be affected.

The injured officer was one of several police officers to respond to the Emergency Room on Parnassus after a patient allegedly caused a verbal disturbance and refused to leave the premises after he was treated. The suspect was charged with causing serious bodily harm to the police officer, damaging the car and refusing to leave.

String of burglaries

Multiple thefts occurred last month in various places on campus, Detective Choy reports.

Five cars parked near the Aldea Housing were broken into during the early morning hours of January. Police are investigating the possible connection of these thefts to a separate incident involving three juveniles who were arrested for reportedly driving a stolen car containing stolen items in the neighborhood.

Five burglaries occurred in the men's locker room at the Millberry Fitness Center in January. In each case, the locks had been broken off and goods were taken between 5 and 9 p.m.There are no suspects at this time.

And five bikes were stolen from the locked bike cage on the A-level of the ACC garage.

Medical Call Board

Aging, muscle function

Doctors at the Department of Radiology are looking for healthy, non-smoking sedentary men and women to participate in ongoing studies of muscle function and fatigue. Volunteers must be between the ages of 65 and 85 and be free from heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes. Researchers will be obtaining measures of muscle function during rest and exercise. Measures of physical activity and muscle size also will be obtained. The purpose of these studies is to determine the effect of aging on muscle function. Studies will take place at the VAMC and volunteers will be compensated for their time. For more information, call Peter Allen at 750-2158.

Breathing and exercise

The departments of Physiological Nursing and Medicine are seeking participants for a study looking at treatments for shortness of breath in persons with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD.) This NIH-funded study will look at the effectiveness of exercise programs on shortness of breath, exercise capacity and quality of life. Participants must be more than 40 years old, have a diagnosis of COPD, emphysema or chronic bronchitis, and experience shortness of breath with daily activities. Participants will receive free physical exams, breathing tests, exercise testing/training and education about managing shortness of breath. Upon study completion, subjects will receive $100. For more information, call the Dyspnea Research Office at 476-5375.

Chronic pain

The UCSF Pain Clinical Research Center is conducting research studies on chronic neuropathic pain and is looking for participants to join its research studies. Part of the Department of Neurology, the center is studying chronic pain syndromes — caused by damage to the nervous system — from common injuries and illnesses like diabetes, neuralgia, multiple sclerosis, post-mastectomy surgery or shingles. Participants must be over 18, in stable physical and mental health and be able to read English. For more information, call 476-0418.

Postmenopausal hair loss

The UCSF Hair Research Center is looking for postmenopausal women under the age of 55 who have androgenetic alopecia (inherited thinning of the hair) for a study to evaluate a new hair growth promoting product. Women must be in good general health, have dark hair with good hair/scalp contrast, have not had menstrual periods for at least one year, and not be taking hormone replacement therapy. Women participating in the year-long study will need to make nine visits. For more information, call Monday through Wednesday, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m, 476-2572 or 476-3638.

Contest to teach about perils of iron

To help educate children and their parents about the hazards of iron — the leading cause of poisoning death among children in the US today — the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Poison Control Center is sponsoring its annual children's poster contest this year with the theme, "Be Safe, Keep it Up and Away - Iron is not a Vitamin!"

In California in the last three years, 25 children died after ingesting iron tablets, and hundreds more were hospitalized for iron poisoning, according to state figures. "As few as eight to ten iron pills can be fatal to a small child," says Elise Stone, UCSF health education coordinator for the poison center, based at the UCSF-affiliated SFGH.

Children participating in the contest are asked to design bold, colorful, 12-by-18-inch posters to illustrate the dangers of iron. The contest, which is open to fourth- and fifth-graders in eight Bay Area counties — Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Marin, Mendocino, San Francisco, San Mateo and Sonoma.

Each county will select a first- and second-place winner, who will receive US Savings Bonds of $75 and $50, respectively. The winners in each county will be eligible for a Bay Area grand prize of a $100 US Savings Bond.

The contest deadline is Friday, March 1. In San Francisco, entries should be mailed or delivered in person to Marvin Lee, Health Resource Teacher, School Health Department Programs, 1512 Golden Gate Avenue, 2nd floor, San Francisco, CA 94115. For information on where to send posters in the seven other counties, contact Stone at 206-8554.

The Poison Control Center is a free, 24-hour hotline service in which toxics experts offer advice over the phone for suspected poisonings. For poisoning emergencies, call 800-523-2222.

Address change

The Division of Behavioral Sciences at UCSF has moved to another downtown office location, 601 Montgomery St., Suite 810, San Francisco, Calif., 94111. The new campus Box is 1382. While the e-mail addresses for those in the unit remain the same, the telephone numbers have changed. The new fax number is 502-7314. For the specific phone numbers of the nine people working in the division, call Elfrieda Langemann at 502-7288.

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Two options to renew UC patient cards

UCSF staff are encouraged to use two options available for obtaining or renewing their UC 1996 patient cards. Employees can obtain 1996 cards by calling 476-4714 or by filling out a simple request form available at the ACC Registration Office.

Upon completion of the 1996 request form, registration staff will contact the individuals by phone for registration information and updates. They will mail cards to either campus or home addresses.

Staff are encouraged not to wait in the ACC for 1996 cards. The presence of large numbers of individuals waiting to update 1996 cards is delaying the timely registration of ACC scheduled patients.

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ern medicine. He and other children once struck with leukemia are now young adults who are all disease-free survivors of ALL.

"The treatment of childhood leukemia is one of the real success stories of cancer research," says Shannon. In 1965, ALL was 100 percent fatal, but now 70 percent to 80 percent of all cases are cured, Shannon says.

Conner's treatment, called the Berlin-Frankfort-Munster (BFM) regimen was relatively new at the time, and included aggressive chemotherapy for the first few months after the leukemia was diagnosed. To kill any cancer cells that may have been lurking in Conner's brain, he also received a low-level dose of radiation to his head.

"He was the first wave of patients who received what we call a delayed intensification in therapy, giving an extra big pulse of treatment about four months from diagnoses after the initial remission," explains Matthay, who adds he has about a half percent chance of a second malignancy.

The success of the treatment came at a price — his hair fell out, he became very weak and his coordination was reduced, all common side effects of chemotherapy. Conner suffered other complications as well. The rapid breakdown of his leukemia cells led to his kidney failure and he underwent dialysis. He also had to take steriods which made him gain weight.

After three weeks in the hospital, he went home and his strength slowly returned. "That was phenomenal," Conner recalls. "At the time I was admitted, that was the fastest turnaround they'd ever had for high-risk ALL."

While at college, Conner volunteered to tutor adolescent patients at Duke Hospital. The experience crystallized his desire to become a doctor. When Conner graduated cum laude from Duke in 1995 with a BS in biology, Matthay helped him get a research position in Shannon's laboratory. Conner is studying the effect of GM-CSF, a hematopoietic growth factor, on the cells of a deadlier cancer, acute myelocytic leukemia.

Conner says his days spent on the opposite end of a stethoscope will help shape his career in medicine. "I will draw upon my experiences as a patient, but I don't want to dwell on it. I want to go forward."

Deepinder Brar is a graduate journalism student at UC Berkeley.

Lisa Cisneros

Ed Conner at work in Kevin Shannon's lab at UCSF

Cocaine *(from page 1)*

Because of suspected eye problems, 28 of the cocaine-exposed babies were referred to a pediatric ophthalmologist for an exam. Twelve were found to have abnormalities, including some defects in the eye that will permanently affect their vision, the researchers reported in the January issue of the *Journal of Child Neurology.*

Though some of the children's medical problems, such as the eye defects, can't be reversed, many of their problems can be corrected with physical, occupational and psychological therapy, Ferriero said.

"We're much more optimistic than we were in the beginning, when we began treating these children (in the mid-1980s)," Ferriero said. "They may be at a disadvantage because of socio-economic chaos, but neurologically, with early intervention, I think these kids are doing better."

Between 11 percent and 17 percent of women giving birth in urban hospitals admit to having used drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco during their pregnancies, surveys have found. Cocaine can be particularly damaging to the unborn child, leading to premature birth, spontaneous abortion, abnormal breathing, the development of a smaller brain and other physical malformations, studies have shown. In the first year of life, cocaine-exposed babies may experience seizures, delayed vision and spastic responses, among other problems.

Ferriero said that when she first began to see babies suffering the effects of cocaine exposure in the womb, the cases were quite dramatic. "We were seeing really devastating effects, such as massive hemorrhages, strokes and even deaths. I don't think we're seeing such severe cases anymore," she said.

The change may be related to a reduced potency of street drugs or to different patterns of drug use in which cocaine is more likely to be smoked, rather than injected intravenously, she said.

In some cases, she noted, children exposed to cocaine in the womb are not affected at all. Ten percent of the drug-exposed babies in the study showed no neurological complications, she said.

Some of the children, on the other hand, had problems that went unnoticed by their physicians, suggesting that doctors should be alert for signs in newborns that might point to drug exposure, she said.

"I think the important point is that if we see babies with abnormal signs, we have to consider drug exposure regardless of the family background," she said. "And we cannot say, 'Let's give up now.' There are treatments available. Most children do well and should be given every chance they can get."

Ferriero's colleagues in the study are Colin Partridge, UCSF associate professor of pediatrics; Sylvia F. Villarreal, UCSF associate professor of pediatrics; William V. Good, UCSF assistant professor of ophthalmology; and Cindy H. Tsay, a pediatric resident at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Oakland.

Leukemia *(from page 8)*

Beginning in the 1940s with the birth of chemotherapy, treatment of childhood cancer has evolved through trial and error. Each decade thereafter produced better clinical outcomes, says Ablin, who began his career at UCSF during the early 1950s.

The 1970s produced the biggest leap to the modern era of chemotherapy which boosted survival to half of all ALL patients. And significant progress was made when doctors began to understand the role of the central nervous system — the brain and spinal cord. Children and adults with ALL are at risk of their leukemia eventually involving the central nervous system and that's why chemotherapy placed directly into the spinal fluid and radiation therapy to the brain are often part of the treatment.

Another major advance — delayed intensification — was piloted in Germany in the late 1970s. That treatment, called the Berlin-Frankfurt-Munchen (BFM) therapy, became part of a routine protocol to treat high-risk ALL in the US during the 1980s. "I think within the last 10 years we have made a big step in these high-risk patients, particulary in children with high white blood cell counts," Matthay says.

One of Matthay's patients, Ed Conner, underwent three years of this aggressive treatment when he was 13 and his cancer went into remission within two weeks. Now age 23, he has been disease free ever since. (See sidebar on page 8.)

Conner sometimes wonders if the extra chemotherapy and radiation given to maintain his remission were really necessary in his case. "It's sort of frustrating," Conner says. "Who's to say if they had stopped, I would have needed anything else?"

That's a concern many doctors share. Kevin Shannon, assistant professor in pediatric oncology, says that studies will try to identify which children will respond well to treatment, so that the chemotherapy and radiation doses can be reduced, and which children need a more aggressive approach.

"Our goal is obviously a 100 percent cure and we are looking at new ways of intensifying treatment further in a small group of patients," Matthay says. "We found the ones who don't respond in one week to the therapy have a much poorer outcome and we are looking at a second intensification phase for those patients."

Other risks associated with treating ALL are that some anticancer drugs could cause sterility or fertility problems due to a lower sperm count, Matthay says. Also, radiation could damage a young child's developing brain. Many studies show a small but significant decrease in the average IQ and in learning performance in children with cranial radiation, she says.

A new national trial for treatment for some leukemia patients will involve investigating the use of monoclonal antibodies to kill leukemic cells. "The beauty of these antibodies is they won't damage the normal blood cells in the body so we believe we can give them at the same time as the cytotoxic chemotherapy which does affect normal blood cells. So there won't be accumulative toxicity," Matthay says.

Bone marrow transplants will continue to be used for high-risk ALL patients as a "salvage" therapy or for those who don't respond well to other treatments and relapse.

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dations include:

♦ Creating a new organizational structure headed by a Clinical Enterprise Board to be chaired by the Dean of the School of Medicine. This board would review and approve major program changes, mergers, acquisitions and partnerships, such as those being explored with California Pacific Medical Center and Stanford.

♦ Forming three key directorships for primary/managed care services, referral services and pediatric services. As executive clinical leaders, the directors would coordinate care — linking health care delivery through clinical, management and financial information systems.

♦ Encouraging interdepartmental and multidisciplinary ventures in a way that supports the academic mission. Therefore, the task force recommends preserving the departmental structure, which it says is essential to maintain educational and research programs, move resources from areas of high to low reimbursement and to provide an "intellectual home" for physicians.

♦ Designing a financial model that would create an economic partnership between the three groups that would pool all clinical enterprise dollars together, organize cost centers around departments and service lines and align financial incentives between doctors and the Medical Center.

Among the tough financial issues that remain to be discussed are: how the clinical enterprise will deal with a collective deficit, how improvements to infrastructure will be financed and how profits and losses will be shared. One of the task force's ideas is to fund enterprise infrastructure needs, information systems, managed care contracts, marketing and unprofitable, but necessary services with a "mission tax." But much of the proposed financial model still needs to be developed.

"We need careful planning and probably outside help to implement the financial model," Hauser says. "Among the key characteristics of such a model is that we align the incentives of the physicians, staff and the Medical Center. We need to retain incentives and we need to give the enterprise the ability to react quickly when opportunities present themselves."

The task force headed by Hauser will remain active to help advise and shape a workable financial model should an economic partnership be formed.

Washington *(from page 1)*

the department will continue to provide clinical services and conduct research related to reproductive genetics, high-risk pregnancies, infertility, menopause, urinary incontinence, and reproductive tract cancers.

Washington is also interested in developing technologies that assist patients and providers in making informed health care choices. Currently, his research interests include the effectiveness of health services— particularly in diverse, ethnic populations— disease prevention in women, and patient preference in health care decision making.

Becoming chair provides an opportunity, Washington says, to serve the community through medical training, research and patient care.

"I hope that I'm a role model for students and junior faculty who value a multi-disciplinary approach to providing care, teaching and research," he says. Moreover, Washington sees himself as a role model for women and underrepresented minorities. He feels it is crucial to have individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences at all levels of decision making in order to provide effective health care for all of California's population.

Before coming to UCSF/Mount Zion as chief in 1994, Washington was affiliated with San Francisco General Hospital's ob/gyn department. Previously, he worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Washington has authored numerous papers on the assessment of reproductive technology, including clinical and economic outcomes of health services for women. He has directed the development of several national policy guidelines for preventing and managing disease in women and has served on many national and international health advisory boards and expert panels.

Washington graduated from the UCSF School of Medicine in 1976. He received a master of public health from UC-Berkeley in 1975 and a MS from the Harvard University School of Public Health in 1978. He received a BS from Howard University in 1972. Washington completed a residency in preventive medicine at Harvard University and his residency in ob/gyn at Stanford University.

He succeeds Robert Jaffe, who is retiring as department chair. Jaffe holds an appointment as Fred Gellert professor of reproductive medicine and biology, and he will continue to serve as director of the UCSF Reproductive Endocrinology Center.

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Win $500 cash

A reminder to the campus community that the person who comes up with the best name for a patient information system, to be used throughout the clinical enterprise, will win $500.

The Clinical Enterprise Systems Advisory Board is sponsoring the contest to describe a computer system that will manage admissions, registration, scheduling, billing, managed care and discharges. Send entries to Box 0320 by Friday, Feb. 16.

Treating childhood leukemia: a victory in the cancer war

By LISA CISNEROS and EMILY PEARCE

Twenty five years after President Nixon declared war on cancer, doctors at UCSF report success in their battle against the most common form of childhood leukemia.

"We have made great progress," says Kate Matthay, chair of pediatric oncology at UCSF.

Death rates have dropped dramatically for patients diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), which accounts for 80 percent of all childhood leukemia cases. Continuous disease-free survival rates of these patients have jumped from 50 percent in the early 1970s to about 75 percent today.

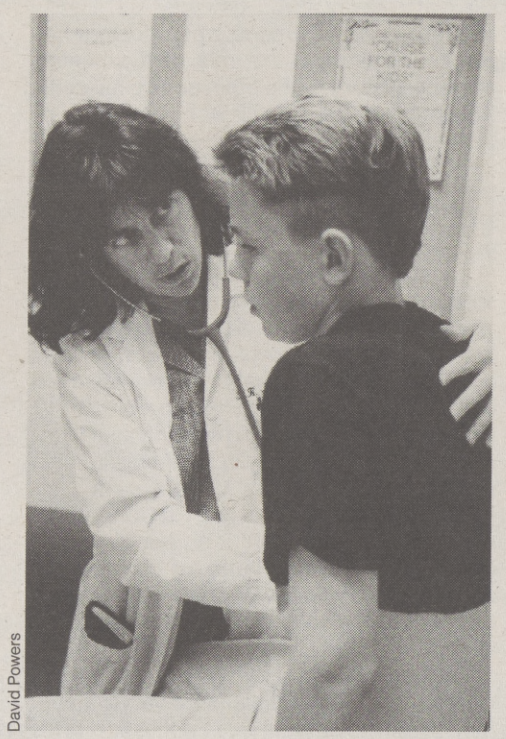
When discussing survival rate statistics, Arthur Ablin, professor emiritus in pediatric oncology, says it's important to use the term, "disease-free survival," which means the patient doesn't have any detectable leukemia for at least a month after the original diagnosis.

Ablin and Matthay avoid the word "cure" when talking about leukemia. "The only way we will know if a child is cured from leukemia is when they are successfully treated and live to their full life expectancy," says Ablin, who adds that his oldest ALL patient is in his mid-30s.

"I feel optimistic when I talk to children during the first interview and I try to transmit that," Matthay says. "But I always tell them there's no gold-plated warranty and there are patients who die with this cancer."

A cancer of the blood cells, leukemia is classified according to the white blood cell type involved — either myeloid or lymphoid. Because it is a cancer of the blood, leukemia is found wherever blood travels, usually in the bone marrow, spleen, liver and lymph nodes. Leukemia, like other cancers, is caused by the loss of the normal regulation of cell growth and subsequent overgrowth of abnormal cells.

Improved survival rates of ALL patients over the last few decades is due in part to intensive research that has produced new chemotherapy drugs and better ways to use them.The key to using drugs in combination is to make sure they do not have overlapping toxicity, which minimizes the damage done to normal cells in any one part of the body. Prescribed in combination, anticancer drugs may be coupled with radiation to kill cancer cells. "We've become much more aggressive using new drugs in different ways," says Ablin.



David Powers

Matthay with a patient

While cancer cells for ALL respond well to chemotherapy, other forms of childhood leukemias, such as acute myelocytic leukemia (AML), and most adult leukemias are more resistant. But over the years, survival rates have improved for those cancers as well.

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Leukemia survivor to begin medical school at UCSF

By DEEPINDER BRAR

Ed Conner was 13 when he was diagnosed with leukemia at UCSF Medical Center nine years ago. Today, he is a healthy Duke University graduate who will start his first year as a medical student here this fall.

UCSF was his first choice of medical schools not just because he's doing important research on leukemia cells in pediatric oncologist Kevin Shannon's laboratory on Parnassus. His ties to the academic medical center are far more entrenched: Conner spent three weeks in 1986 beating acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) under the care of Kate Matthay, now chief of pediatric oncology at UCSF.

"I was ecstatic when I found out I got in," Conner says. "Had it been different, I probably wouldn't even have considered medicine as a career."

Being accepted to UCSF means Conner is one step closer to specializing in pediatric oncology, like Matthay. "If there was a style I could pattern myself after as a doctor, it would be Matthay's style. I admired it back then, and I think I admire it even more now."

Conner's introduction to UCSF and Matthay came when he developed high-risk ALL. Conner's case was high-risk because his leukemia was not detected until it was relatively advanced. Matthay confirmed the diagnosis with the directness and honesty he admires. "She wasn't going to hide behind anything," he recalls. "She was great because she prepared me for the worst. It would be more frightening to have something happen that you don't expect."

Conner responded to his life-threatening illness with a mixture of anger and desperation. "At first, I remember making deals with God," he says. "Like, 'If you heal me, I'll go and be a priest.' Then later, you try to find meaning in it."

Conner, whose leukemia went into remission after only two weeks of intensive treatment at UCSF, can perhaps find meaning in that his case represents a milestone in mod-

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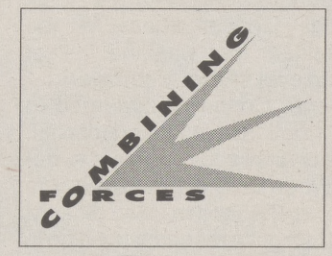
Clinical enterprise considers integration

By LISA CISNEROS

The clinical enterprise is exploring the possibility of creating an economic partnership and a common organizational structure between the UCSF Medical Center, Medical Group and the School of Medicine.

The idea to create a financial partnership and to change the organizational structure of UCSF's clinical enterprise was proposed by a 12-member Clinical Integration Task Force, chaired by Stephen Hauser, professor and chair of neurology. As directed by the Clinical Services Executive Board, that task force was established to examine the feasibility of organizational and financial integration of the UCSF Medical Group, also referred to as the Clinical Practice Organization; the clinical components of the School of Medicine and the Medical Center as a way to succeed in the very competitive northern California managed care marketplace.



Hauser presented the task force's recommendations in a report given at the School of Medicine's recent retreat. That report also was distributed and reviewed at the Jan. 26 Medical Center management meeting.

At this point, the task force's proposal is being considered by the clinical departments of the School of Medicine and the Clinical Services Executive Board, says Bruce Schroffel, director of operations and a task force member.

Haile Debas, dean of the School of Medicine, is expected to convene a meeting this month with the chairs of the School of Medicine to ask for their views on the proposal.

The Clinical Integration Task Force, which included representatives from the Medical Group, the School of Medicine and the Medical Center, reached consensus that integrating the three groups would better help the institution carry out its missions as it faces the challenges of managed health care and dramatic shifts in reimbursement.

"We tried to step back from our own individual points of view to discuss what was best for this institution," Hauser says of the task force. "It's in that spirit that we have proposed a new clinical structure that should help us to adapt in a rapidly changing climate of health care delivery.

"At the same time, we came to an understanding that change should not be more abrupt than absolutely necessary and that any change would have to be proposed solely for the purpose of improving the institution. It's not change for the sake of change."

Integrating the clinical enterprise would facilitate responsive decision-making, create one enterprise with common goals and shared objectives, improve coordination of the entire continuum of care, and facilitate enterprise-wide planning and resource allocation, which is more efficient in times of limited resources, the task force reported.

"We must be able as an entity to anticipate and plan for change," Hauser says. "I think this (proposal for integration) is really exciting for the institution. It represents a new way of bringing us together as a single clinical enterprise.

"It will also have very positive implications for education at UCSF because it will create new models of health care delivery that can serve as valuable educational tools and will provide our students and residents new opportunities to be exposed to diverse types of clinical problems."

Some of the task force's major recommen-

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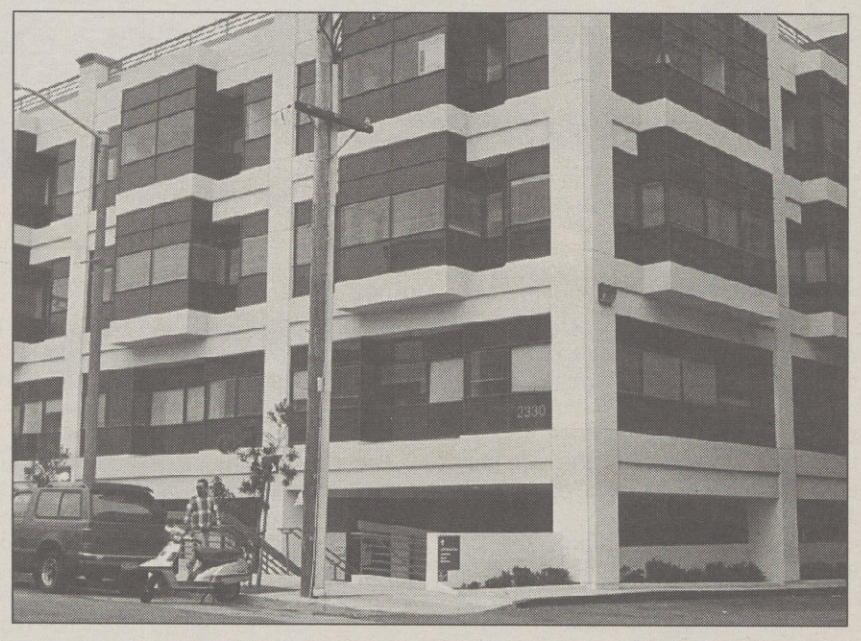

Lisa Cisneros

The medical office building at 2330 Post St.

Mount Zion practices move to Post Street

This month several UCSF/Mount Zion clinical practices moved or will move to the medical office building located at 2330 Post Street.

The UCSF/Mount Zion Faculty Obstetrics and Gynecology Practice and the UCSF Women's Continence Center moved from its former office at 1710 Scott St. to the second floor of the building, which opened last year. The new phone number for the Faculty OB/Gyn Practice is 885-7789 and the Continence Center's phone number is 885-7710. Mammography services also will be added to the second floor.

The Obstetrics Clinic at UCSF/Mount Zion also relocated from 2380 Sutter St. to the second floor of 2330 Post. The clinic's new phone number is 885-7788 and its new campus box number is 1648.

As of Monday, Feb. 12, the UCSF/Mount Zion Pediatric Group will move from its current location at 2233 Post St. to the third floor, Suite 320 at 2330 Post. The phone number of the Pediatric Group will remain the same: 885-7478.

The medical office building opened last summer when clinical labs moved in.

Women's health forum on March 9

The third annual Women's Health 2000 — to take place from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday March 9, at UCSF — will offer talks on a wide spectrum of women's health issues.

Women's Health 2000, sponsored by the Obstetrics and Gynecology Research and Education Foundation in conjunction with UCSF, is designed to provide insights on health and wellness as well as progress in women's medicine.

UCSF specialists from many areas of medicine will talk about the latest findings in their fields, encouraging conference guests to be active participants. Some of the topics to be discussed include menopause, depression, gynecologic cancer, lesbian health issues, osteoporosis, contraception, incontinence and HIV.

Nancy Milliken, co-director of UCSF Women's Health Access, a patient care service for women, will deliver a keynote address titled "Women's Voices: Are We Being Heard?" at 8:45 a.m. See the next issue of Medsounds for a complete schedule of topics. Admission to the conference costs $35. To register or for more information, call 408-987-9089.